Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri)*: With regard to the draft proclamations, are they not as much important as other statutes?

Mr. M. Sivarama Menon *(Advocate-General)*: Proclamations have certainly the force of law.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri)*: In the case of very emergent matters, no consultation is necessary. But in other cases, what is the objection for the Government to refer such proclamations to the Bar Association?

Mr. M. Sivarama Menon *(Advocate-General)*: Proclamations are issued in emergent matters. Therefore there is no time to get the opinions of the Bar Associations on them.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri)*: I concede the point. In emergent times Government may do so. What I said was, in cases of *verumpattamdar's* cases of eviction—they are kept at a standstill. In such cases, it affects the country as a whole. The Bar Association will be able to give some information on this. I ask what is the objection for such proclamations being sent for emergent consideration by the Bar Association?

Mr. M. Sivarama Menon *(Advocate-General)*: Since the Hon'ble Member has made reference to the proclamation regarding *verumpattamdars* I may say that when the decision was taken, to stop eviction the proclamation should have been issued, if possible, that very day. It has no retrospective effect. Speed in such cases is the all important matter as otherwise some tenants might be evicted in execution proceedings in the meanwhile.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri)*: I referred to that particular instance by way of illustration. The principle is not that. Is there any objection to refer such matters to the Bar Association?

Mr. M. Sivarama Menon *(Advocate-General)*: I am not aware of any proclamation which has been issued except in emergent cases.

SPARE LANDS IN MUNICIPALITIES—LEASING OF

75. **Mr. C. V. Iyyu** *(Kunnamkulam)*: Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether the Municipalities have made any arrangement to lease out the spare lands available within their limits to produce as much food crops as possible;

(*b*) if so, what is the approximate acreage leased and brought under cultivation?

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government)*: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Over 22 acres have already been leased out and brought under cultivation.

Mr. A. L. Antony *(Irinjalakkuda)*: May I know who is the controlling authority?

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government)*: The Municipality.

Mr. A. L. Antony *(Irinjalakkuda)*: Are they given power?

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government)*: Yes. The Irinjalakkuda Municipality itself has leased out 5 acres 22 cents. All the Municipalities have been instructed to lease out the available lands.

TRENCHING GROUND OF MATTANCHERI

76. **Mr. B. M. Peter** *(Latin-Christians-Mattancheri)*: Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) what is the distance between the trenching ground of Mattancheri and northern extremity of Mattancheri Town;

(*b*) how the night-soil is carried at present to the ground?

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government)*: (*a*) A little over four miles.

(*b*) Usually night-soil is being transported by the Motor lorry. Since it is not now in working order the work is being done by manual labour.

Mr. Ismail Hajee Essa Sait *(Mattancheri)*: May I know, Sir, wherefrom you have got information to the effect that the motor lorry is not in working order?

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government)*: The Commissioner, Mattancheri Muncipality reported to that effect.

Mr. Ismail Hajee Essa Sait *(Mattancheri)*: Or, is it due to the scarcity of petrol?

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government)*: It is not in working order. That is the report received by the Government.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri)*: Will the Government be able to state whether the Municipal Commissioner ever complained of want of petrol?

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government)*: He has never made any such complaint.

Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters)*: Will the Government adopt some civilised method of transportation of night-soil?

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Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government)*: The method now adopted is a civilised one.

Mr. B. M. Peter *(Latin-Christians-Mattancheri)*: How many lorries are there?

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government)*: I want notice.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South)*: May I know how long has it been in disorder?

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government)*: I cannot say.

Mr. Ismail Hajee Essa Sait *(Mattancheri)*: May I know whether the report can be placed before the Council?

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government)*: Yes. You have signed the report yourself as the Chairman of that Municipality.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri)*: When was the report sent?

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government)*: It is dated 11th Karkadagam 1117 (27th July 1942.)

Mr. Shabdai S. Koder *(Mattancheri)*: Has the Government refused any petrol?

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government)*: Never refused. The question of petrol has not come up before the Government.

FERRY AT VETTUKADAVU

77. Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi)*: Will Government be pleased to state the following.—

(*a*) the number of people crossing the Vettukadavu daily and going to the Chalakkudi market;

(*b*) the number of students crossing the Vettukadavu daily and going to Chalakkudi High Schools for boys and girls;

(*c*) others using the ferry daily;

(*d*) what is the bid amount of the collection at the ferry for 1117—1118;

(*e*) how many persons have slipped their feet and fallen at the ferry during the rainy season in 1116?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar)*:

(*a*) Number of persons on ordinary days about 100.
Do. on Chalakkudi market days 300 to 350.

(*b*) About 50 to 65.

(*c*) About 100.

(*d*) The bid amount of 1117—1118 is Rs. 410.

(*e*) Enquiries show that there had been a few instances where people slipped and fell down at the landing place.

The approximate number could not be furnished as no data is kept.

ST. SEBASTIAN'S HIGH SCHOOL AT KANJUR

78. Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi)*: Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether the St. Sebastian's L. S. School at Kanjur is raised to a High School;

(*b*) what is the strength of the High School classes;

(*c*) considering the peculiar position of this school, *viz.*, that it is surrounded on all sides by Travancore, do Government propose to give any additional facilities and encouragement for its progress?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction)*: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) 37.

(*c*) Government do not propose to do anything.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South)*: May I know, Sir, whether all the three classes have been started, or only the IV Form?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction)*: This High School was started only two months ago. It is only Form IV.

ARTICLE IN THE "MALABAR MAIL" REGARDING COLLEGE FEES

79. Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam)*: Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether they have noted the last article in the last column of the "Malabar Mail" dated 19th June 1942 written by "a student" under the caption "മഹാരാജാസ് കോളേജിലെ ഫീസ് ഭാരം" (Malabar Mail of 19th June 1942);

(*b*) whether any action was taken by Government to reduce the burden of fees referred to in the article;

(*c*) if so, will Government be pleased to inform the House the concessions given?

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